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OF THE

Forty-First Annual Session

OF THE

Ebenezer Baptist Association

HELD AT

First Baptist Church

GASTONIA, N. C.

25, 26, 27, 1930

Officers:

Moderator—REV. W. A. ROBERTS, R-1, Shelby, N. C.
Vice Moderator—REV. M. L. DAVIDSON, R-6, Charlotte, N. C.
Recording Secretary—F. L. HOWELL, R-2, Cherryville, N. C.
Corresponding Sec.—BRO. U. S. WRAY, R-4, Kings Mtn., N. C.
Treasurer—BRO. W. M. RAMSEUR, Blacksburg, S. C.
Auditor—BRO. M. J. BURKE, Blacksburg, S. C.

The next session will be held with the Ebenezer Baptist Church, 4 miles north of Kings Mountain, N. C. Rev. R. J. Davidson, A. B. S. T. B., Pastor. On Thursday before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1931. Introductory Sermon—Rev. M. A. Murray, D. D. Alternate—Rev. C. E. McLester.

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FIRST DAY—THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The Ebenezer Baptist Association met in its Forty-first Annual Session at the First Baptist Church, Gastonia, N. C., September 25, 26, 27, 1930.

The Moderator, Rev. W. A. Roberts, conducted the praise Services. Hymn No. 398 C. M., "Oh For a Closer Walk With God" etc., was sung by the congregation.

The Moderator called our minds to the vacancies of the following officers which had been taken from among us by death —Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Vice Moderator.

The Moderator appointed Rev. F. L. Howell as Recording Secretary, Protem.

Scripture Lesson—90th Psalm.

After some very timely remarks by the Moderator, prayer was offered by Br. W. M. Ramseur.

Bro. E. D. Poag led in singing, "When I Lay My Burden Down," etc.

A period was given for expressions during the Praise Service The Spirit of God was manifested in the service.

After the Praise Service the Moderator called the house to order for business.

The Program was read.

By motion the program was adopted as a guide with proper corrections.

The committee on Enrollment was appointed.

The committee on Finance was appointed.

The committee on Permanent Organization was appointed.

Arrangements were made for purchasing badges.

The time having arrived for the Introductory Sermon, in the absence of Rev. N. McCollough, Rev. W. M. Kneely was appointed to accompany Rev. M. L. Davidson.

Rev. W. M. Kneely lined hymn, "Am I A Soldier of The Cross," etc.

Prayer by Rev. W. M. Kneely

The Moderator with befitting words presented Rev. M. L. Davidson, the speaker. He took a text from Eph. 4:2; 2 Cor. 5:14 Thme: "The Love of Christ."

Rev. M. L. Davidson led in singing, "So Glad I'm Here," etc.

The Divine gave many points of Christ's love for us. He pictured Christ as one who loved to give service and even Himself for us.

The congregation joined in singing, "Amazing Grace."

Collection was taken by Bros. W. M. Ramseur and J. C. Camp. Amount, $2.55.

The pastor, Rev. M. A. Murray, was given leave to arrange for dinner.

Adjournment.

Benediction, by Rev. R. J. Davidson.

FIRST DAY—THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Praise Service was conducted by Bro. L. L. Lutz and Rev. G. Knox.

The Moderator gave some timely remarks on conduct along the line of punctuality. He urged that we meet on time.

By motion the minutes of the previous session was ordered to be read.

The minutes were read and adopted by motion with proper correction if any.

The Enrollment Committee called the roll. Amount of Enrollment collection, $23.50.

The Mt. Olive Representative asked to be excused to leave as his conditions were of such that he could not stay. By common consent he was granted privilege to leave on conditions that he would see the Financial Committee and arrange for representation Fees according to the requirements of the Constitution.

The Committee on Permanent Organization was ordered to report.

Rev. W. H. Davidson was asked to preside during the disposal of the Committee's report on permanent organization.

The Committee on Permanent organization made their report.

A motion prevailed to adopt the report. It was caught on its passage from the objections that according to Parliamentary usage the Treasurer's and Auditor's report should be had first.

Rev. R. J. Davidson being the mover withdrew his motion.

The report of the Treasurer and Auditor was ordered. The Auditor being absent the Treasurer report. The same was adopted. (see report.)

By motion the report on Permanent Organization was adopted. (see report)

Bro. E. D. Poag was chosen to escort the officers to their places. Rev. R. J. Davidson, A. B. S. T. B. was chosen by motion to install the officers. Who in a very intelligent and eloquent manner told each one of their duty and responsibility as an officer.

Each officer gave timely remarks in respond. After the remarks Rev. W. H. Davidson surrendered the choir to the Moderator, Rev. W. A. Roberts.

A motion was made to give a distinguished visitor ten minutes to speek. Time being short, objections arose. A substitute motion was adopted that the speaker be given three minutes instead of ten.

Rev. P. S. Walkinson, D. D., the visitor from San Antonio, Texas, came forward and met the Association and spoke.

Dr. W. H. Davidson, the messenger from the Mt. Peace Baptist Association brought greetings.

The following visitors met the Association: Rev. C. E. McLester, Rev. J. H. Price, Rev. D. P. Harley, Rev. J. A. White, Rev. J. D. Sturgis, Rev. S. M. Hardin.

Rev. R. J. Davidson presented Rev. S. N. Davidson, of Charlotte, to meet the Association for the first time.

Many timely and helpful remarks were given by each one. The latter speaker said, in part, "I love for us to differ or to produce facts and opinions." He stated, "If your productions are better, I should go to you. If mine be better, then you should come to me."

Bro. G. C. Caldwell expressed himself with words of gratitude of being present in the Association.

Collection was taken by Bros. W. L. Logan and J. Corry. Amount $1.15.

Adjournment.

Benediction by Rev. Lester C. Smith.

FIRST DAY—THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

The time having arrived for devotion, the delegates from Ellis Chapel and School Creek Churches appointees to lead Praise Service, being absent the honorable Moderator, Rev. W. A. Roberts led the Service. He asked that some one would sing a Spiritual. Bro. J. C. Roberts sang, "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder,"

Prayer by Rev. R. J. Davidson, A. B. S. T. B.

Hymn arranged to C. M. "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say, Come unto Me and Rest," etc., was sung by the congregation.

The program of Welcome was then presented. The Moderator asked that Rev. M. A. Murray, D. D. would come forward to introduce the Mayor of the City. He came and introduced Mayor E. B. Denny to welcome the Association on behalf of the City. In his introductory remarks he said, "The City is fortunate to have at its head a Christian Mayor. One who has shown no racial prejudice. His administration has been a success. He has provided for equal rights for everybody."

The Honorable Mayor with much delight spoke to us words of inspiration. He gave many instructive remarks. He said, in part, 'That we as races were created by the same God. We worship the same God. Whenever the people of God refuses to obey his teachings or violate his commands, regardless to race or color, they are punished." He said further, "It is just as necessary that you as a colored race will work out your destinies, like other races, according to the light you have." He pictured to us by the Prophet Jonah that God proved that He has no respect of persons, regardless to whatever race or creed we belong God holds the destiny of all of us. He said, "I welcome you on behalf of the City because I would have you to understand that we all stand for the same principles. We want your continual cooperation."

A rising vote of thanks were tendered to the Mayor for his hearty welcome,

Bro. G. C. Caldwell gave a welcome on behalf of the Church. He also made us feel esteemed by saying, "We welcome you because of your intelligence. I welcome you again because our fathers forty-one years ago organized this great Association for the development of our boys and girls. I want you to feel perfectly at home."

Rev. H. C. Gannaway, pastor of M. E. Church gave words of welcome on behalf of the churches of the city. He proved himself equal to the task. He made the ministers especially feel welcome to preach in all the churchs.

Rev. R. J. Davidson, A. B. S. T. B., was asked to respond. He made a very timely respond. He said, "I speak the sentiments of each one. We feel not only welcome but honored. We are happy to be here. Our deportment will be of such, that we are the people of God. We are glad of the welcome tonight.

The Vice Moderator being absent the time having arrived Rev. G. Knox to preside.

The choir sang, "Love Divine, All Love Excelling," etc.

Rev. G. Knox then presented the Moderator, Rev. W. A. Roberts in a very intelligent manner. He spoke many words that

solicited our attentions and raised our minds to a higher standard of Christian civilization.

Rev. G. Knox led in singing "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

After hearing the Moderator's address the chairman awaited the pleasure of the body.

Rev. R. J. Davidson, A. B. S. T. B., after commending it as being the best he had ever made, submitted a motion to turn the address over to the committee on Resolutions. Motion adopted.

The time having arrived for the Doctrinal Sermon. The appointee, Dr. E. W. Burke, accompanied by Rev. H. C. Gannaway, Rev. C. E. McLester and Rev. R. Moncrief entered the rostrum.

The choir sang a beautiful melody, Hymn 502, S. M. "How Beautiful are Their Feet who Stand on Zion's Hill," etc. was sung by the congregation.

Prayer by R. Moncrief.

The choir sang another selection.

The Moderator in befitting words presented Dr. E. W. Burke. After some timely remarks, he chose a text from St. Matt. 16:18, "Upon this Rock I Will Build My Church and the Gates of Hell Shall Not Prevail Against it."

Theme: "Foundation and the Durability of God's Church."

As the distinguished Divine spoke to us our hearts were made to feel glad.

The congregation sang, "Roll, Jordon, Roll," etc.

Rev. E. E. Hart and Rev. S. M. Hardin raised the collection. The choir rendered harmonious music for the occasion. Amount collected, 32.10.

Doxology by the choir.

Benediction by Rev. C. E. McLester.

SECOND DAY—FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The Moderator called the house to order. After congregational singing , Bro. Oscar McEfee and Bro. D. A. Cornwell led Praise Services. Scripture Lesson, St. Matt. 7th chapter. Hymn 537 C. M. "A few More Years Shall Roll," etc.

Prayer by Rev. J. A. White.

The Spirit of God was manifested by a lovely handshake during the services.

The roll was called. Enrollment was continued by the committee.

Amount of Enrollment $5.00

By motion the minutes were read and adopted with proper correction.

The following committees were appointed: Committee on Resolutions, Committee on Statistical Table, Committee on Time and Place, Committee on Temperance, Committee on Education, Committee on New Churches, Committee on Temperance, Committee on Obituary and Committee on Corresponding Messengers. Some church letters were brought forward and read.

After some discussion concerning the Washington Baptist Church Letter being deficit the delegate asked for 90 days grace. A motion was made to accept the money sent which amounted to $17.00 and the remainder to be paid in 90 days. Motion adopted.

The Moderator asked , "Is there any other church that does not have enough money to represent fully?" No other one reported.

A motion was made that the letters of the churches be adopted. Motion carried.

A motion prevailed that the resolution presented by Rev. M. A. Murray will be turned over to the committee on Resolutions. Motion adopted.

By motion the topics were to be taken up.

Topic—"Is the Bible a Safe Guide in the Home?"

Rev. R. J. Davidson opened the topic. He pictured the Bible a safe guide for the following reasons: 1st. Because the Bible is the greatest Book. It leads all other books. 2nd. Because it is a Divine Revelation of God. Luke. 4:17. 3rd. God used chosen men to write the Bible. 4th. The Unity of the Bible. 5th. It is God's voice; not man's.

The speaker urged us to search the Scriptures. Take a special study of God's Word. It is our daily bread. It brings comfort to us. It causes us to be humble. As a guide he emphasized that God's Word is profitable for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. Lastly, he told us that God's Word will guide us into Heavenly rest. A stanza of "Go Preach My Gospel saith the Lord." was led by Rev. R. J. Davidson. The spirit of God ran high through the whole address.

Rev. S. M. Lowery spoke upon the same topic. After some remarks He called our attention to the Bible as being composed of law, history, poetry, prophecy, gospels, epistles, and revelations. Therefore, it is a safe guide. He said lastly, that the Bible is a safe guide from hell to heaven.

Rev. C. W. Morgan also spoke upon the topic. The speaker called our minds to the fact that the Bible or God's Word cannot be changed. Therefore it is a safe guide.

A motion was made to close the discussion of the first topic and take up the next topic—"Why do Baptist Churches organize an Association," and "Is it Beneficial?" The motion was caught on its passage. Objections were offered on the importance of discussing the first topic as the Bible is the fundamental factor in the home. After some earnest discussion, a motion was submitted to take up the previous question. motion carried.

A motion prevailed that we adjourn. Motion adopted.

Collection was taken by Rev. J. H. Price and Bro. A. L Garvin. Amount, 62.35.

Benediction by Rev. P. J. Davidson.

SECOND DAY—FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

In the absence of the delegates of Center and St Peter churches, Rev. W. B. Boyd was appointed to lead the praise services. Everyone present seemed to be in one accord. The Moderator thanked the congregation for the submissive and humble spirit manifested in the service.

The minutes of the previous session was read and adopted with proper correction.

The report of the Committee on Obituary as the program called for was omitted.

The topic, "How can the Ebenezer Baptist Association Awake a Deeper Interest in the School Work at Spindale?" was presented.

A motion prevailed to allow each speaker five minutes to speak. Motion adopted.

Rev. S. N. Davidson, the appointee was asked by the Moderator to open the topic. He declined in favor of Rev. R. J. Davidson as he was in closer touch of the conditions of the School. Rev. R. J. Davidson then spoke. He said, "that the school at Spindale is the only school owned by the Colored Baptist of Western North Carolina and Northern South Carolina. We have twenty-two acres of land, building and other improvements worth $72,-000.00. He urged that our interest should be awakened because of the above facts.

Rev. Bigles gave some remarks on the topic. He said the interest may be awakened if the pastors of the different churches work for the best interest of the school.

The Moderator made some very timely remarks also. He urged that every word that is spoken about the school should be based on facts rather than opinions.

He said, "We have records to show where the money has been used. We have done our best."

Dr. P. M. Mayfield from Charlotte, N. C. was introduced by the Moderator. He said, "If you want to awaken interest, organize yourselves into different auxiliaries. Work together was his crowning point on the topic.

Rev. M. A. Murray, D. D. also gave some timely remarks on the topic.

Other letters were brought forward and read.

The committee on New Churches reported. (see report.)

A motion was made to accept the churches included in the report together with the one Rev. W. A. Roberts presented, namely, First Baptist, Lawndale, N. C. Motion adopted.

A motion was made that the Associational body tender a vote of thanks to the pastors and churches for the money brought forward. Motion adopted.

The committee on Obituary reported.

A motion was made to adopt the report. It was caught on its passage. Objections were given. Then an amendment was made to leave blank page in the Minutes with suitable inscription; and that business be suspended for three minutes for Memorial Service in honor of the deceased. Motion was carried.

Rev. S. N. Davidson sang a selection.

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"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." — Rev. 14:13.

After the Memorial Rev. C. F. Gingles was given leave to speak. He urged that the ministers would preach the Word. He agreed with the Apostle Paul's writing that we should not be ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto Salvation to everyone that believeth."

The following ones met the Association: Rev. A. Chas. L. Arbouin, A. B., Rev. D. J. McCoulough, Rev. S. N. Chapel, Rev. D. F. Moore, Bro. D. P. Howell, Bro. L. Hurgrove, Sister A. A. Clark, Dr. P. M. Mayfield, Rev. H. M. IJames, Sister Elizabeth Rhyne, Sister C. F. Gingles and Bro. John Davidson.

Each one gave good and timely remarks.

The committee on Temperance reported by motion the report was adopted. (see report.)

A motion was made that Rev. C. E. McLester would preach the Educational Sermon if the appointee failed to appear. The motion was caught on its passage by Rev. C. E. McLester. He declined in favor of Rev. A. Chas. L. Arbouin, A. B., if the mover would accept the charge. He accepted. By vote the above one named was accepted. The Enrollment Committee reported $2.50

Collection omitted—Benediction by Bro. A. L. Cornwell.

SECOND DAY—FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

The Moderator called the house to order. A few minutes was given for congregational singing.

Praise Service was continued by Bros. D. A. Cornwell and Oscar McEfee. Hymn 398 C. M., "Oh, For a Closer Walk with God," etc. was sung. Scripture lesson, St. Mark, 9:1-9.

Prayer by Rev. W. B. Boyd.

Our hearts were filled with joy during the services.

The congregation was turned over to the Moderators. The choir sang a selection.

The Moderator having previously announced the ordination of Bro. A. L. Cornwell immediate arrangements were made for the occasion.

Hymn 510 C. M. was lined by Dr. M. A. Murray.

Ordination prayer offered by Rev. S. M. Lowery. The choir was given by Rev. R. J. Davidson, A. B. S. T. B. The Bible was presented by Rev. S. N. Davidson. Right-hand fellowship by Rev. E. E. Hart and others. Rev. Murray, D. D. led in singing a selection.

The Moderator invited our minds to other business matters.

The committee on Resolution made their report. A motion prevailed that the report be adopted. Motion carried. (See report.)

The time having arrived for the Educational Sermon, Rev. A. Chas L. Arbouin, A. B. accompanied by Rev. W. H. Davidson, Rev. E. W. Burke and Rev. W. A. Roberts to the rostrum. Hymn—"I heard the Voice of Jesus Say Come unto Me and Rest" etc., was sung by the congregation.

Scripture Lesson—St. John 9:1-9.

Prayer by Rev. S. M. Lowry.

The choir rendered a beautiful melody.

The Moderator introduced the speaker, Rev. A. Chas. L. Arbouin, A. B. After a few remarks prayer was offered. Then he chose a text from the Gospel as recorded by St. John 9:1. "And as Jesus Passed by He saw a Man."

Theme: "Seeing to Help Others to See."

The Divine delivered a very, very, instructive and impressive Sermon. After the Sermon the Moderator arose. He said "I will pause a while to let the sermon saturate." Then he said, "I am sure you enjoyed the Educational Sermon."

After some remarks based on the necessity of supporting "Western Union College," financially. He appointed Dr. W. H. Davidson and Dr. E. W. Burke to take the Educational Rally collection.

The Moderator chose Bro. John Corry and Rev. J. A. White to assist the Recording Secretary in writing the names of those who would appear on the "Honor Roll," by paying 50c, $1, $2 or more.

HONOR ROLL EDV. RALLY

50c

Sister A. A. Clark
Bro. E. Vance
Rev. A. L. Cornwell
Bro. F. M. Massey
Sister C. J. Ramseur
Sister M. Craig
Sister S. A. Caviness
Rev. E. E. Hart

$1.00

Rev. J. H. Price
Rev. S. M. Lowery
Bro. Torrence
Bro. F. Grier
Rev. W. H. Davidson
Bro. Oscar McEfee
Rev. S. N. Davidson
Bro. B. Mintz
Bro. L. Robbs
Bro. E. D. Poag
Rev. R. J. Davidson
Bro. J. T. Wilson
Bro. W. L. Logan
Bro. L. L. Lutz
Bro. J. W. Wilson
Bro. A. L. Garvin
Bro. E. M. Black
Bro. W. Degree
Bro. James Camp
Bro. U. S. Wray
Bro. Z. N. Mason
Rev. M. A. Murray
Bro. J. C. Roberts

$2.00 or More

Rev. R. Moncrief
Rev. E. W. Burke
Bro. J. C. Gober
Bro. W. M. Ramseur, ($3.00)
Bro. M. J. Burke
Rev. W. A. Roberts
Bro. T. N. Carson
Bro. James M. Smith
F. L. Howell
Bro. W. Earl
Bro. W. A. Hunter
Bro. John Corry

Honor Roll Collection	$52.00
Public Collection less than 50c	$4.10
Enrollment Collection	$1.00
Total Amount	$57.10

After the collections necessity demanded business. The Moderator called for other letters. The Fair View church letter was presented and read. They paid $3.00 and requested 90 days grace for the remainder.

By motion the request was granted.

Other letters were also presented and read. A motion prevailed that a vote of thanks be tendered to the worthy pastors and churches for their hospitality. Motion adopted.

Adjournment

Benediction by Rev. A. Chas. L. Arbouin, A. B.

THIRD DAY—SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Moderator opened the service by singing, "Must Jesus Bear the Croos Alone," etc.

Scripture Lessin, First Division of the Psalms

Prayer by Bro. E. M. Black.

Hymn—"Come Ye that Love the Lord," etc., was sung by the congregation. The Praise Service was closed.

The Roll was called.

The Minutes of the previous session was read. By motion the Minutes were adopted with proper correction.

Other letters were brought forward from First Baptist Church, Gastonia, N. C. and Center Baptist Church. The Moderator awaited the pleasure of the body.

A motion prevailed that the letters be adopted. It was caught on its passage. Objections were given. The First Baptist Church did not have enough money for representative fees. Sixty days grace was wanted so they might bring in the full amount. An amndment was made to adopt the letters and grant the request of the First Baptist Church.

Committee on Time and Place reported. By motion the report was received and adopted. (see report)

A motion prevailed that an Executive Board be appointed. Motion adopted.

The following ones met the Association: Rev. Nelson and Rev J. A. Hall.

The Committee on Corresponding Messengers reported. By motion the report was adopted. (see report)

The Comittee on Education reported. By motion the report was received and adopted.

The ordaining Council was called by the First Baptist Church Gastonia, N. C. on July, 1930 for the ordination of Br. J. D. Sturgeon. The applicant was ordained.

The Committee on Executive Board reported. A motion prevailed that the report be received and adopted. It was caught on its passage. Objections were given that the members should be scattered all over the Associational field. An amendment was accepted to strike out names where there are two of the same church and enlarge the membership. Motion carried. (see report)

Enrollment Committee Reported $1.50

By motion a partial report was made by the Financial Committee.

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	Rec'd. by Baptism	Rec'd. by Letter	Restored	DismissedByLetter	Excluded	Deaths	MembersRepresented	Representative Fee Paid	Educational Fee Paid	Back Dues	Foreign Missions	Sup. Ministers	Pastors' Salaries	Sundays of Preaching	Value of Church Property
on	18	1	0	1	1	1	100	$ 3.00	$25.00		0	0	$ 500	2,4	$2,500
lson	25	0	0	0	1	4	200	6.00	20.00		0	0	500	2,4	3,500
s	27	1	0	0	2	8	175	3.75	36.35		0	0	700	1,3	5,000
on	15	4	1	3	0	3	60	2.25	9.35		2.00	0	500	1,3	2,000
y	10	4	0	0	0	3	70		8.00		0	0		2,4	800
	7	1	2	0	0	2	80	2.25	16.00		0	0		2.4	7,000
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	3	17	0	0	0	1	25	1.50	3.25		0	0		2	750
	0	4	0	0	0	0	30	1.50	7.50		0	0	300	2,4	2,000
	2	0	0	2	0	1	30	1.50	6.90		0	0		2,4	1,000
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r	4	2	3	0	14	4	125	3.00	26.45		0	0	300	2,4	5,000
son	28	0	0	0	2	13	200	3.75	21.25		0	0	1200	1,2,3,4	12,000
ter	18	0	0	0	3	5	150	3.00	28.00		0	0	600	1,3	5,000
	28	4	3	3	4	4	200	6.00	11.00		0	0		2.4	3,000
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COMMITTEE APPOINTED

(1) ENROLLMENT
Bros. U. S. Wray, A. L. Garvin, J. Corry.

(2) FINANCE
Bros. W. M. Ramseur, M. J. Burke, L. L. Lutz.

(3) PERMANENT ORGANIZATION
Bros. E. D. Poag, W. I. Brooks, A. L. Cornwell, E. M. Black, Samuel Webber, W. L. Logan, R. C. Canady.

(4) RESOLUTIONS
Bros. W. Earls, L. Robbs, Rev. M. L. Davidson, J. C. Gober

(5) STATISTICS
Bro. J. Corry, Rev. J. H. Price, Rev. E. E. Hart

(6) TIME AND PLACE
Bro. E. D. Poag, Chairman and one delegate from each church.

(7) TEMPERANCE
Rev. J. A. White, Bros. J. T. Wilson, D. A. Cornwell, Rev. R. Moncrief.

(8) EDUCATION
Rev. R. J. Davidson, Bros. O. McEfee, J. W. Wilson, R. C. Canady, Rev. A. Chas. L. Arbouin, Rev. Nelson.

(9) NEW CHURCHES
Bros. W. Earls, E. M. Black, Rev. S. N. Davidson, S. Webber

(10) OBITUAR Y
Rev. M .L. Davidson, Bros. W. Earls, J. R. Hamilton, J. W. Watkins.

(11) CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS
Bros. W. Earls, T. N. Carson, Rev. S. M. Lowry, Rev. C. W. Morgan, W. A. Hunter.

(12) EXECUTIVE BOARD
Bros. W. M. Ramseur, J. W. Wilson, Rev. S. N. Davidson.

(13) APPROPRIATION
Bros. W. Earls, U. S. Wray, B. Mintz

(14) ORDAINING COUNCIL
Rev. R. J. Davidson, Bro. E. D. Poag, Rev. Lester C. Smith

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT DELEGATES

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Rev. M. L. Sorrot .....

REPORT OF TREASURER

Mr. Moderator and brethren, please allow me to report the following:

Eskridge Grove, 9-19-21, 1929	
Eskridge Grove received	$606.22
Blacksburg Bank	77.00
Balance in hand	2.00
Paid out to Appropriations, etc.	162.83
To Union Treasurer	443.39
Total	$606.22

RESOLUTIONS

We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg leave to report the following:

We have examined the Moderator's Annual Address and found it to be worthy to enter our minutes for all to read. Therefore, we recommend that it be spread upon the face of theminutes. Other reports not favorably considered.

OBITUARY

We, your committee on Obituarly submit the following report:

It has been the pleasure of God to call from among us the following members:

Ebenezer 10—(Sister Johnson, wife of Rev. Johnson.)

Pine Grove 4—(Bro. D. H. Woods.)

Shoal Creek—(Rev. A. H. Hopper)
White Oak 2, Eskridge Grove 8
Shiloh 8—(Deacon Chester Logan.)
Hopewell 5, First Church of Earl 3 Zion Hill 3.
Washington 4—(Sister Fox, wife of Rev. Fox)
Rev. B. F. Roberts and Rev. H. H. Howell
Ellis Chapel 4
Mt. Pisgah 1—(W. D. Spelton.)
Green Bethel 2—(Rev. P. C. Young)

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on temperance, beg leave to make the following report:

Whereas intemperance is a great evil corrupting human socially, bringing degradation, shame and destruction where ever it goes. The Bible and all good societies condemn this great evil. Therefore be it resolved.

(1) W believe that every Christian man and woman of the Ebenezer Baptist Association should abstain from the use of intoxicating driks.

(2) That every minister of the Gospel and Layman of the Christian Church preach and talk against intemperance as did the apostle Paul who said, "Be not drunk with wine, where in is excess, but be filled with the Spirit."

NEW CHURCHES

We, your committee on new Churches, beg leave to make our report:

We found the Providence Baptist Church, Lincolnton, N. C. in fellowship and recommend that said church be admitted to this Association upon the payment of their entrance fee, $1.50 and donation $2.00. Total $3.50. Also St. James with entrance fee $1.50 and Palmer Grove Baptist Church, Shelby, N. C.

EDUCATION

We your Committee on Education beg to report as follows:

Our eyes are fully opened to the fact that we are living in an age of distinct progress and marked improvement with unperceiveed promise of good for the future. To enjoy this and to help others enjoy this there must be preparation.

We therefore urge that the constituency of our Associational bounds work untiringly for the obliteration of ignorance and permanent establishment of Education. Let every minister and Christian worker in general take advantage of the opportunities for advancement and thus encourage the younger ones.

We further pray that support in every way be given our school W. U. C. in Spindale. Let co-operation for inevitable success be our motto.

TIME AND PLACE

We as your Committee on Time and Place beg leave to make our report:

We say that the next sitting will convene with the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, N. C. on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1931. Rev. M. A. Murray to preach the introductory sermon. Alternate Rev. C. E. McLester.

APPROPRIATION

We report as follows:

Moderator	$ 16.00
Vice Moderator	2.00
Recording Secretary	16.00
Corresponding Secretary	0.00
Treasurer	7.00
Auditor	0.00
Sexton	3.00
Program	6.00
TOTAL	$50.00
Union Treasurer	327.95
Minutes	60.00
TOTAL	$437.95

Donation Annual Sermons as follows:

Rev. M. L. Davidson	$3.00
Rev. E. W. Burke	3.00
Rev. A. Chas. L. Arbouin	3.00
TOTAL	$9.00

ORDAINING COUNCIL

We your committee on Ordaining Council beg to make the following report:

We recommend the following named ministers on this Council:

Rev. W. A. Roberts
Rev. R. J. Davidson
Rev. E. W. Burke
Rev. M. A. Murray
Rev. Lester C. Smith

CORRESPONDING MESSENGER

We, your Committee beg leave to report as follows:

State Convention	Rev. W. A. Roberts
Gold Hill Association	Rev. F. L. Howell
Thickety Mountain	Rev. R. J. Davidson
Mt. Peace Association	Rev. M. A. Murray

EXECUTIVE BOARD

We your committee on Executive Board beg to make the following report:

We recommend the following named persons:

Rev. W. A. Roberts, Bro. W. Earls, E. D. Poag, Rev. S. N. Davidson, Bro. D. A. Cornwell, Bro. O. McAfee, Bro. A. L. Lewis, Bro. W. Degree, Rev. M. A. Murray, Bro. W. M. Ramseur, Bro. L. L. Lutz, Bro. J. W. Watkins, Bro. J. C. Camp, Rev. J. A. White

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FINANCE

We, your committee on Finance beg to make our report:

Education	$327.95
Representation	55.75
Enrollment	33.50
Public Collections	8.55
Rally	56.10
GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT	$492.75

Committee:

W. M. Ramseur, Chairman
L. L. Lutz
M. J. Burke, Sec'y.

Annual address of William A. Roberts, Moderator of the Ebenezer Baptist Association, convened with the St. Paul Baptist Church, Gastonia, N. C., in its 41 Annual Session, Sept. 25, 1930.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

In the providence of God we come together in this beautiful city traversed with its many railroads lines. Intersected by National highways. A city whose factories hums more spindles than any city in the South. A city where both races meet on a common level of respect and reverence, one where the religious fever runs high and educational facilities are as good as any city in the state considering its age. One that has every advantage to make it a desirable place to abide. To this church that has been about from us for a long time and connected with an other organization we have come to consider the work of the last past 12 months to give thanks to our heavenly father for all the blessings of the past, varied and many changes have been wrought since we last met. Death has invaded our ranks and claimed some who were very prominent in the Christian and educational work of this association.

We have been called to consider the lamentable Rev. Benjamin F. Roberts, my dear father, who lived to be 90 odd years. One of the founders of this organization, Rev. Ambus Hoper, vice Moderator of the Association, Rev. Hubbert H. Howell, Recording Secretary. Bro. Daniel Henry Woods, Corresponding Secretary and Chairman of the Trustee Board. We can but say our lost is heavens gane and in the language of one of old we say the Lord giveth, the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord. To those who have left us and are now resting in their dusty beds, peace be to their ashes on till the resurrection morning then when the Trump shall sound we will meet you in the association above.

Again I must say we have come up to this mount of priviledge to contemplate the work of the future in the ancient or Biblical days it was a custom or law that the Jews or the people would come up to Jerusalem three times during the year to a great feast hither too, we have come. I am glad to meet you because we are one in lineage, one in language, one in the Lord we serve. One in the purpose we have in view. One in the pos-

sibilities for the time that is and for the eternity that is to come. I am thankful to be here because of the great number of soldiers that are here to represent Jesus the Christ who said I if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me. Bless be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love, that tie is closer than the bonds of Nationality, more sacred than those of kindship. Not England, not America is our fatherland we are of a greater Nationality, we are sons of a deeper die Calvary is our fatherland where we have met at a place called Galgatha and looked there upon one of whom each in reverent gratitude says he loved me and gave himself for me, more over we have heard his voice saying, go make desciples of all nations, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and lo I am with you always.

TIME

The period preceeding our arrival here has been a trying one indeed. Unemployment has become a world wide problem whose solution has defied the best economist caused an unheval of values, failures and almost business stagnation added to this unprecedent drought has dried up the streams, wells and springs, while an upparched hot spell has burnt follage and the down pour of hail has destroyed crops and it looks now as if our country is facing a famine unless a change is wrought by a divine hand.

We thank God that he has permitted us to gather here to deliberate upon plans for the spread of the masters kingdom. The work that is to be accomplished in this age of the world is very great. A strong army confronts us. I see a great sea in front of us, a great mountain on either side. The sun's rays is drawing water, the wind is beginning to blow and if it continues to blow a storm is coming by and by. [illegible] this on this meeting rests a great responsibility. It should be the aim of this setting to put fourth every effort to make every impression in every way possible, to awaken a deep interest in regards to our school work. .

I see in this meeting or some other meeting a great work to be done. A meeting in which the great barriers should be metted down and the joining together of the Baptist forces of Western North and Northern South Carolina to contend for one common cause for the uniting of the Baptist forces for the uplift of the race and the advancement of God's Kingdom in the hearts of men and women.

In this meeting we should contend for one faith, one Lord, this meeting to pray, one prayer that our ideas, our different minds may be melted down and the material that is left be instrumental in bringing about a millenial dawn when we all shall have each others care and fraternal peace.

We are not here with an iron-clad will like Napoleon, one of the greatest generals the world has ever known who is said to have leaped the Medeteranean, dashed across the desert, threw himself against the Orient and its hinges rusted by five hundred years of disuse were shattered. He smoted slothful Europe and its Medevial system crumbled to dust. He infused armies, lawyers, artists, builders, with the electric force of the revolution and at his command codes were formulated, arches and bridges were built. Roads and Canals were dug. He was the ruler of Itily at 26. The despot of Egypt at 28. Dictator of France at 30. Master of Europe at 32. And for 20 years there after he was the central figure and the most dramatic of the worlds history, his dispatches are filled with the words, Success, Riches, Glory, Fame. Ours if we would leap the dark Medeteranean that confronts us, if we could dash across desert where we have never been able to secure any help.

If we could throw ourselves against the gates of the Orient whose hinges have been rusted all these years with their means not used.

If we could burst asunder all the organizations that are waiting for an opportunity with their treasures full, while the cause is suffering and a cry is being made today, come over and help us.

If we could smote the intellegence of the East and the West and their organized system could be made to crumble to dust and the eyes of others would look upon Western North Carolina and Northern South Carolina and could see what blessing the Lord has bestowed upon the effort put forth by our fathers who prayed and consecrated their lives that God would bless the young people and the cause of Christ.

It would not be Riches, Glory, Fame, but to the uplift of humanity and the Masters Kingdom.

Our chief object is to do something to foster the school in the West. It is needed, it has accomplished much and more could be accomplished and much more could be done if we could get co-operation, I would that in this meeting there would be no East, no West, no North, no South, but a great gathering of the people for a Christian School that is in reach, one that is destine to do much to make strong young men and prepared young women for the homes.

We should be proud of the Western Union College, because it is the only college in the State owned by the Negro Baptist of the State.

What shall we do will we let it go down, God forbid, but let us pledge ourselves to do more, God being our helper.

We trust that each one will be stimulatel to do more to be more diligent in the discharge of duty, more faithful in seeking to utilize the time which is a lotted in inculcating in the minds of the people, the necessity of giving more money for the School, righteousness for Jesus Christ and peace in the hearts of men and women. I dwell wit hpleasure upon the great potentiality for good to which a great gathering of this kind gives birth. What ever has a tendency to cause great people to forget those things in which they differ to forget and remember only the things in which they have a common interest alike is a benefit to both what ever makes the heart of two people beat in unison makes them more enamered of harmony, more sensative to discord and more earnest to carry on a struggle for the great principal of the human uplift.

EDUCATION

Man is a trinity in his nature consisting of mind, soul and body. These must be developed intellectual, moral and physical is being emphasized and the moral and religious training must be made more prominent than it has been in the past. The aim and purpose of the founders of this Republic was to preserve in the substrater of the government those noble and lofty principals of the Christian religion for the maintainance of which they left their native land that they might plant these principals in the Virginia soil of America.

Dr. Mayo says the highere education, according to the last American intepritation is the art of placing an educated mind a consecrated heart and a trained will, the whole of a refined manhood and womanhood right at the end of the Ten fingers of both hands so that whether you eat or drink, or what ever you do, you may do all to the glory of God. And this is the doctrine of Western Union College, supported by the Ebernezer Baptist Association. We must educate Western North Carolina or any part of any other state, can not have strong men and women to hold up the B. doctrine of the Baptist church unless they are trained up in a Baptist School.

Western Union College, the brightest star in the West is calling for young men and young girls to prepare them to become leaders for the race and the baptist denomination.

MISSION

We are members of the Missionary Baptist Church and as such we are all Missionaries. Mission means to go or send. I believe in Mission. It is the way our Lord Jesus ordained to save the world.

I believe in home Mission. If there was some way arranged to carry on home Mission in the State there would be better understanding and more union among the Baptist.

FOREIGN MISSION

We can not afford to shut our eyes and not look out on the foreign field, calling for the light of Civilization that paves the way for Christianity which makes for peace and happiness for all mankind.

Dark and benighted Africa with her millions of people in heathen darkness, bowing down to Idols. Made of men and worshipping animals and created things made by the hand of the Creator.

If you will only look you will see the field is already white the harvest is waiting, who will go? A cry is made, come over in Massedonia and help us.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1st. Let us say something that will mean more than talk.

2nd. Let us do something that will mean business.

3rd. Let us do something and do it now for soon it will be two late.

4th. Let every church assume the responsibility to put one student in Western Union College.

Respectifully submitted,
W. A. ROBERTS.

CONSTITUTION AS REVISED

We, the Missionary Baptist of Western North Carolina and Northern South Carolina, being convinced of the necessity of a combination of the churches in order to promote the cause of Christ and to maintain and keep the rules of the Association, we therefore agree to the following:

ARTICLE I.

Section 1. This body shall be called the Ebenezer Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II.

Section 1. The membership of this Association shall consist of delegates elected by the churches, and their pastors, and the delegates must have their membership in the bounds of the Association.
The enrollment fee shall be 50 cents.

Section 2. No church shall send more than three delegates.

Section 3. All ordained ministers who are not too old, except the founders, who failed to attend the Association, their names shall not be put on the roll. Licenate preachers subject to the same rule.

ARTICLE III.

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor and Executive Board.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall act, when necessity calls in absence of the Association and report the same to it.

Section 3. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings of the Association and sign all orders drawn upon the Treasurer. The Vice-Moderator may assume the same in the absence of the Moderator.

Section 4. The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate account of all the proceeding, prepare the minutes for the press and send same to various organizations.

Section 5. The Corresponding Secretary shall do all the corresponding with other organizations.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall give complete security for all monies trusted in his care.

ARTICLE IV.

Section 1. Every Baptist church should support Missions, Education, Church Extension, etc. Therefore this Association shall require such of them.

Section 2. If any church that belongs to this Association fails to keep the rules of the Association it shall withdraw the hand of fellowship from said church.

Section 3. The Association shall have no right to infringe upon the sovereignty of the church rights as a body.

Section 4. This association will hold no church as a member who licenses a brother to preach who cannot read, spell and write reasonably well, and has a fair knowledge of the Bible and Engish language.

Section 5. Any church becoming disorderly, the Executive Board shall investigate and if possible settle the matter or report the church to the Association. No complaint shall be heard from a church in the Association except through a committee.

ARTICLE V.

Section 1. Every church shall pay annually to the Association $1.50. Those numbering over 50 members, $2.25. Those over 100 members, $3.00. Those numbering over 150, $3.75. Those having 200 members, $6.00 and so on.

Section 2. Each member of the church belonging to this Association under 15 years old shall pay 15 cents annually and those over 15 years old, 25c; each minister 35 cents, for educational purposes.

Section 3. All money collected during the Association, Sunday included, shall be used for Associational purposes, unless otherwise ordered by the Association; and no money shall be paid out until the close of the same.

Section 4. One-tenth of all money collected, except for education during the Association, shall be given superannuated ministers who are not in charge of a church; and at death to their widows.

ARTICLE VI.

Section 1. This Association shall meet Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September and adjourn the following Saturday of each year.

ARTICLE VII.

Section 1. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting.

RULES OF ORDER

1. The Moderator shall preside and decide all questions or order subjects to appeal; he shall appoint all committees unless otherwise ordered and when two or more arise to speak at the same time he shall name the one by the Moderator previous to any discussion there of.

2. When a member is about to speak or command any information he shall rise and address the president, and confine his remarks to the subject under consideration.

3. No person shall speak more than twice without leave from the body.

4. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave from the body.

5. Brethren invited to seats shall have the privilege to debate but not voting.

6. A motion for adjournment shall always be in order except when voting or a member is speaking and shall be decided without debate.

7. The minutes shall be read subject to correction at the commencement of every session immediately after organization.

8. No members shall be allowed to sleep, spit on the floor, nor remain out of doors unnecessarily after organization.

9. No brother shall be allowed to interrupt anyone speaking, and all personality shall be avoided.

10. Decency of speech shall be observed in all deliberations.

11. Any brother violating these rules shall pay a fine of 10 cents for each offense.

12. Any brother speaking otherwise out of order shall be called to order by the Moderator, should he refuse to obey shall be fined as prescribed in article 11.

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